Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will begin to work as part of a group or class, following rules. They will settle into our Reception routines and follow instructions through cooperative and team building games such as pass the hoop and pass the squeeze.

Talk about the rights and wrongs of a pirate's life, relating this to our own experiences, understanding that our own actions can affect other people. Enjoy treasure hunts with friends, team work, sharing and working confidently together.

Mathematics

Consolidating knowledge of numbers 0-10 and applying them to quantity through activities such as counting buried treasure coins. Through number rhymes and games, they will find one more and one less.

Children will revisit basic 2D shapes such as circle, rectangle, triangle, and will begin to look at 3D shapes and their properties. Through the use of shape children will make a variety of shape nets and pirate pictures.

We will also be looking at measurement using non-standard units such as cubes, hands. They will also compare weights of two objects using language such as heavy and light.

Expressive Arts & Design

Select tools and techniques needed to creatively make a gingerbread pirate. Build stories around pirate toys in the small world area. Sing Pirate Shanties and experiment with ways of changing sounds. Children will create simple representations of objects in form of chests, hook, and pirate ships.

Reception Topic News

Land Ahoy!

Understanding the World

Children will explore floating and sinking objects and begin to explain why some objects float while others sink. They will experiment with different media to create a boat that floats. Explore sand and water by creating a sensory bottle.
Look at world maps and begin to learn about continents and oceans. Use I.C.T. to research pirates and Beebots to follow a treasure map.

Upcoming events
CCAs begin – Monday 5th Sept
Meet and Greet evening – Wednesday 7th Sept
Primary Workshop & Coffee Morning – Wednesday 14th Sept
School Holiday (Mid-Autumn Festival) – Thursday 15th & Friday 16th Sept
International Week – Week beg. 26th Sept
National Holiday (school closed) – Mon 3rd to Fri 7th Oct

Communication & Language

The children's main focus will be listening and turn-taking in group and one-to-one conversations. They will listen to pirate themed stories, responding to ideas and focusing attention.

Through role-play children will begin to introduce a narrative into their play as pirates, mermaids, Peter Pan or Captain Hook.

Literacy

Children will be developing gross and fine motor skills using big movements, which will lead into the correct letter formation. We will use strategies such as Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle and Funky Fingers.

They will be encouraged to ascribe meaning to mark-making such as writing SOS messages in a bottle, making treasure maps.

Physical Development

Children will practise balancing and climbing by walking along and jumping off the plank, showing an awareness of the need for safety.

Children will continually participate in a range of malleable and manipulative activities to develop their fine motor skills.